

Response to Request for Reconsideration

Applicant's arguments filed May 16, 2011 have been considered as follows:

- In the remarks on pages 13-19 of the amendment, applicant contends that the Admitted Prior Art, Awater et al. or Wang fails to disclose, teach or suggest:
(1) responsive to a determination that the first device is not in a power save state. (2) enabling transmission protection at the access point. (3) transmitting, from the access point, a message requesting that a second device enable transmission protection, wherein the second device and the access point are configured to communicate in accordance with the first and second modulation scheme. (4) at an access point, a first frame from a first device. (5) enabling transmission protection at the access point, broadcasting from the access point a message requesting that a second device enable transmission protection. (6) time period separating the transmission of the first message and the second message. (7) device configured to communicate in accordance with the first modulation scheme and a second modulation scheme.
- The examiner respectfully maintains the prior prosecution and clarifies the limitations in that: (1) enhanced station (not in the power save mode) transmits a short frame using the first modulation scheme, ¶ [0015], page 1, lines 1-4. (2) enhanced station (access point) in accordance with transmission protection transmits a frame, ¶ [0015], page 1, lines 1-4. (3) enhanced station signaling the other enhanced station to activate transmission protection where

the enhanced station that is about to transmit using the second modulation scheme in accordance with the transmission protection must first transmit a frame using the first modulation scheme, ¶¶ [0015], [0017], page 1, lines 1-4, 4-6. (4) enhanced station transmits a short frame detectable by the station in the area, ¶ [0015], page 1, lines 2-5. (5) enhanced station (access point) in accordance with transmission protection transmits a frame, ¶ [0015], page 1, lines 1-4, enhanced station signaling the other enhanced station to activate transmission protection where the enhanced station that is about to transmit using the second modulation scheme in accordance with the transmission protection must first transmit a frame using the first modulation scheme, ¶¶ [0015], [0017], page 1, lines 1-4, 4-6. (6) duration value to cover the length of time of the transmission of the short frame and the transmission of frame using the second modulation scheme, ¶ [0016], page 1, lines 1-5. (7) enhanced station signaling the other enhanced station to activate transmission protection where the enhanced station that is about to transmit using the second modulation scheme in accordance with the transmission protection must first transmit a frame using the first modulation scheme, ¶¶ [0015], [0017], page 1, lines 1-4, 4-6.